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[R277-411. School District Sponsored School Seminars on Youth Protection-Related Issues.

## R277-411-1. Definitions.

- A. "Board" means Utah State Board of Education
- B. "Opt-out," provided for in Section 53A-15-1302(5), means a written statement provided by a local school superintendent to the Board stating that the local board determined that the topics of substance abuse, bullying, mental health, depression, suicide awareness and internet safety are not of significant interest to families in the school district.
- C. "School-sponsored parent seminar" means a meeting held at the school where school personnel or others invited by the school discuss topics identified in Section 53A-15-1302(2) with those in attendance.
  - D. "USOE" means the Utah State Office of Education.
- E. "Youth protection-related issues" means the issues identified in Section 53A-15-1302(2) including substance abuse, including illegal drugs and prescription drugs and drug use prevention; bullying and related problems; student mental health, depression and student suicide awareness; internet safety for students, including pornography addiction and other student-health related problems or issues, as identified by a school district.

## R277-411-2. Authority and Purpose.

- A. The rule is authorized by Utah Constitution Article X, Section 3 which vests general control and supervision of public education in the Board, by Section 53A-15-1302 which directs the Board to provide resources to school districts about youth protection related issues, directs the Board to accept opt-out information from local school boards and directs the Board to report to the Education Interim Committee about school district activities. The rule is also authorized by Section 53A-1-401(3) which allows the Board to adopt rules in accordance with its responsibilities.
- B. The purpose of this rule is to provide information and timelines to school districts that allow and assist school districts in satisfying their responsibilities under 53A-15-1302.

## R277-411-3. Board/USOE Responsibilities.

- A. The USOE shall provide resources, model curricula and additional information as required under Section 53A-15-1302(2) before August 30, 2013.
- B. To the extent of resources available, the USOE shall provide curricula, materials and resources in both electronic and paper formats.
- C. To the extent of resources available and if requested, the USOE shall make staff and consultants available to assist school districts with anticipated training and parent meetings.
- D. If school districts provide written opt-out notification to the Board, the Board shall review those documents for sufficiency and satisfaction of the law's requirements and notify school districts in a timely manner.
- E. The USOE shall request information from school districts under Section 53A-15-1302(4)(a),(b),(c), and (d) to compile information for the Board's November 2014

report to the Education Interim Committee. The Board may also request information and data from school districts and charter schools in order to develop meaningful curricula and materials to assist school districts.

## R277-411-4. School District Responsibilities and Timelines.

- A. A local school board that desires to provide an opt-out notification to the Board shall do so before September 30, 2013.
- B. The Board shall notify a local school board/school district that the opt-out notification was received and was complete and consistent with the law before October 30, 2013.
- C. The notification received from a local school board and the USOE's response shall be maintained by the USOE.

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